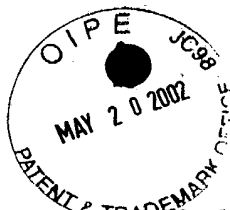


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**RULE 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63)**  
**INVENTOR'S DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SMOOTH MUSCLE MYOSIN PHOSPHATASE ASSOCIATED KINASE

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)):

- ☐ is attached hereto  
☒ was filed on February 27, 2002 as U.S. Application Serial No. 10/083,641 (Atty. Dkt. No. 1579-647)  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

Priority Foreign Application(s):

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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60/271,436	27 February 2001

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And on behalf of the owner(s) hereof, I hereby ask that all communications in this matter be directed to:  
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Serial or Patent No.: 10/083,641Dkt. No.: 1579-647Filed or Issued: February 27, 2002For: SMOOTH MUSCLE MYOSIN PHOSPHATASE ASSOCIATED KINASEVERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.27(a)(3)) -  
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I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

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- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
- ☒ application identified above.
- ☐ the patent identified above.

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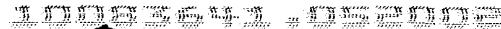
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application of patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.27(g)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**EXCLUSIVE SUBSTITUTE POWER OF ATTORNEY  
AND EXCLUSIVE PROSECUTION HEREAFTER BY  
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DUKE UNIVERSITY, being the owner of all right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application, hereby revokes all previous powers of attorney in this case, if any, and hereby appoints Nixon & Vanderhye, P.C., 1100 North Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714, telephone number (703) 816-4000, facsimile number (703) 816-4100, and the following attorneys thereof (of the same address) individually and collectively its attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and with the resulting patent: Larry S. Nixon, 25640; Arthur R. Crawford, 25327; James T. Hosmer, 30184; Robert W. Faris, 31352; Richard G. Besha, 22770; Mark E. Nusbaum, 32348; Michael J. Keenan, 32106; Bryan H. Davidson, 30251; Stanley C. Spooner, 27393;

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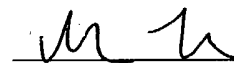
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The undersigned (whose title is typed below) is empowered to sign this statement  
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1) Timothy A. HAYSTEAD

(hereinafter collectively ASSIGNOR), have made an invention known as Dkt. 1579-647 and entitled: SMOOTH MUSCLE MYOSIN PHOSPHATASE ASSOCIATED KINASE

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States ☐ was executed even date herewith and is about to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

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AND WHEREAS DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, North Carolina 27708-0083

(hereinafter ASSIGNEE), desires to acquire an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNOR, does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its entire right, title and interest to the said invention in the aforesaid application, and to the said application and to all continuations, divisions, reissues and substitutes of said application, and foreign counterparts thereof, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any

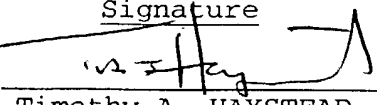
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ASSIGNOR furthermore agrees upon request of said ASSIGNEE, and without further remuneration, to execute any and all papers desired by said ASSIGNEE for the filing and granting of foreign applications and the perfecting of title thereto in said ASSIGNEE.

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) Nixon & Vanderhye P.C. of the above address to insert hereon any further identification necessary or desirable for recordation of this document.

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1)	 Timothy A. HAYSTEAD	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2002	